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1. REFS B, C, AND D INFORMED U.S. THAT UK AND BANGLADESH  
PUTTING FORWARD CANDIDATES FOR JOB OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, TO SUCCEED JOHN HANNAH (US).  
BRITISH CANDIDATE IS SIR FREDERICK KEARNS. BANGLADESH

CANDIDATE IS SALAHUDHIN AHMED. NORWEGIANS ALSO FIELDING CANDIDATE LASSE AASLAND TOWARD WHOM WE UNDERSTOOD SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM INITIALLY HAD BEEN LEANING. NOW KEARNS SEEMS TO HAVE EDGE.

2. WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOME IN WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (PROTECT PRESIDENT TANCO AND HANNAH) NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT AASLAND AND ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDATE. WE HAVE INDICATED TO WALDHEIM AND TANCO THAT IF AASLAND NOT TO BE APPOINTED, U.S. GREATLY INTERESTED IN ADVANCING CANDIDATE. WE NOW HAVE INFORMED THEM OF THE CANDIDACY OF MAURICE WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN OECD DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE, FOR THE WFC JOB.

3. LONDON AND DACCA SHOULD RESPOND TO HOST GOVERNMENT REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT OF THEIR CANDIDATES ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

--WE APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONCERNING CANDIDACY OF KEARNS (AHMED) FOR WFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION. WE KNOW THIS REPRESENTS THE COMMITMENT OF YOUR COUNTRY TO HELP MEET THE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, AND YOUR INTEREST IN SEEING THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MOBILIZING WORLD ATTENTION IN THESE PROBLEMS.

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-- THE UNITED STATES HAS PRESENTED TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM THE CANDIDACY OF MAURICE WILLIAMS, CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE DAC.

-- WE FEEL THE WILLIAMS CANDIDACY UNDERSCORES THE ABIDING COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY AND POSITIVELY IN THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

-- UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEREFORE, WE REGRET THAT WE WILL BE UNABLE TO SUPPORT THE KEARNS (AHMED) CANDIDACY.

4. FOR OSLO. YOU MAY INFORM NORWAY THAT WE FOUND AASLAND TO BE A WELL-QUALIFIED CANDIDATE AGAINST WHOM THE U.S. WAS NOT GOING TO PUT FORWARD A CANDIDATE WHILE AASLAND SEEMED TO BE THE FRONT-RUNNER. THE SPLURGE OF NEW CANDIDATES DIMINISHED THE LIKELIHOOD OF HIS SUCCESS, AND THE UNITED STATES HAS DECIDED NOW IT MUST ALSO SEEK THE POSITION. WE HAVE SEEN A DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN SENIOR UN POSTS IN GENERAL AND IN THE FOOD/AGRICULTURE AREAS SPECIFICALLY. THE QUESTION OF AMERICAN REPRESENTATION IS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION AND IF WE ARE

TO MAINTAIN STRONG PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT  
FOR THE WORK OF THE UN WE FEEL NOW WE MUST PUT FORWARD  
AND STRONGLY SUPPORT HIGHLY QUALIFIED AMERICANS FOR THESE  
POSTS.

5. FOR ROME AND USUN. WE SHORTLY WILL BE NOTIFYING WFC  
CAPITALS OF THE WILLIAMS CANDIDACY. YOU MAY AS APPROP-  
PRIATE USE ABOVE WITH LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES.

6. FYI. PRIOR TO ELECTION AS DAC CHAIRMAN IN 1974  
WILLIAMS WAS A SENIOR AID OFFICIAL AND IN 1973 THE  
PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 1973 SAHELIAN  
RELIEF EFFORT. COOPER

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